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Tonight and Sunday cloudy and occasional threatening weather; slight temperature change.  
Maximum 36; minimum 12; rain fall, none; wind, southwest, light, weather clear.

# BERLIN ADMITS ORDERS REGARDING MEXICO

## \$12,000 GIVEN MISS HOCH BY JURY VERDICT

All Four Defendants Held Liable; Plaintiff Can Collect Full Amount From Any One

### COMPROMISE EFFORTS FAIL

Whether There Will be an Appeal Taken by Any of the Defendants is Not Yet Determined.

Attorneys Get Third.  
An assignment of \$4000 or one third of the verdict was made by Miss Hoch and her mother this afternoon to Coy Burnett and Owen B. Richards, their attorneys. The assignment was filed for record.

Miss Grace Hoch, Pendleton high school girl, was last night awarded \$12,000 as damages for personal injuries sustained last May when the false store front of The Peoples Warehouse fell upon her. The jury returned a verdict in her favor and against all of the four defendants, The Peoples Warehouse, Gibson & Cole, Dickson Estate and City of Pendleton. Each is equally liable and the plaintiff can collect the full amount of the verdict against any one of them.

The jury went out at 5:37 and came in at 9:35. The actual deliberations required less than three hours inasmuch as the jury ate supper during the time it was out.

The first ballot showed the twelve jurors scattered in their opinions as to the amount of the damage to which plaintiff was entitled. They varied all the way from \$1000 to \$25,000 but eventually ten of them compromised on \$12,000 with equal liability to all defendants. J. W. Rothrock and Joseph H. Key refused to sign the verdict.

Sued for \$25,000.  
Plaintiff originally sued for \$15,000 but one of the first acts of Attorney Coy Burnett for the plaintiff when the case started was to secure an amendment to the complaint raising the amount sought to \$25,000. Therefore, it was possible for the plaintiff to secure that amount. Aside from the verdict for damages, the defendants must pay the costs which will total to a considerable amount.

Office of Compromise.  
As late as yesterday noon the attorneys for the plaintiff offered to compromise the case for \$10,000, according to an authoritative report. Three of the defendants were willing to make such a compromise, it is said, agreeing to pay \$2500 each but the fourth, Gibson & Cole, refused. It is said, to contribute more than \$500. Therefore, the efforts to compromise fell through.

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## LOCAL FARMERS CONTEMPLATE ESTABLISHING FLOURING MILL ELEVATOR DEDICATED TODAY

That local farmers contemplate the construction of additional storage room in connection with their elevator and the establishment of a flouring mill was disclosed here this afternoon at the dedication of the big elevator on east Webb street. The facts were brought out by F. C. Burdell.

With the stars and stripes fluttering above the huge structure the Farmers Union grain elevator was formally dedicated this afternoon in the presence of many members of the corporation and other citizens of the city and vicinity.

The flag was greeted with three cheers by the crowd and the blessing of Dietz was invoked by Rev. R. E. Gornell. An interesting talk of the afternoon was by F. C. Burdell of the Burdell Construction Co., builders of the elevator.

The elevators have a capacity of

## PRESIDENT WILL HAVE FULL POWERS OF ARMED NEUTRALITY BY MIDNIGHT IS CONVICTION

### SHIP ARMING PLANS WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN BILL PASSES

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Debating the armed bill, Senator Stone said: "President Wilson kept us from a Mexican war. Will he prevent a European war? I would rather trust him than the hordes of weaklings around him."

WASHINGTON, March 3.—President Wilson plans to announce the ship arming plans soon after the senate passes the bill. The navy department is scheduled to issue orders to navy yard commanders directing them to immediately arm vessels with cannon. Germany's latest announcement indicated such armament may be insufficient to protect the ships. Night attacks are becoming more common.

Details Still Secret.  
The German plot details are still secret. It is learned that Japan furnished munition making machinery to Mexico. Germans helped to operate the government plant.

The state department said there is no present intention of conveying merchantmen. Naval vessels are scarce. The government might establish a warship lane between Ireland and England. Navy men fear such a plan would weaken the coast defense.

Adopt Joint Report.  
The senate adopted the joint conference report on the legislative executive-judiciary bill after two minutes discussion. There was a unanimous vote. It was previously expected that republicans intended to delay the bill to force an extra session.

## WEATHER FOR INAUGURATION COLD AND WET

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Foggy dismal weather greeted the inauguration crowds. Rain or snow is forecasted. A big crowd of gamblers and pickpockets have arrived. Police from many cities are watching the trains. Many grandstands and courts of honor are being built on Pennsylvania avenue. Soldiers, militiamen, cadets and marching clubs from all parts of the east paraded the wet streets and serenading the crowded hotels. Public buildings will be illuminated tonight.

## "Brazen" Admission of Germany Creates Profound Impression in Senate.

### NO EXTRA SESSION EXPECTED

Wilson Notifies Leaders He Will Not Call Extraordinary Session Unless Armed Bill Passes.

(Robert J. Bender.)  
WASHINGTON, March 3.—Germany's unabashed acknowledgment of the conspiracy to align Japan and Mexico for an invasion of the United States has apparently removed the last vestige of senate opposition to the armed neutrality bill. The clerk read the senate United Press dispatches. They created a profound impression.

It is absolutely certain that President Wilson will have full powers before midnight. The republicans are amazed at Germany's "brazen" admission. They announced surprising support for the armed bill. La Follette maintained an ominous silence.

Union of All Factions Urged.  
Senator Brandegee opened the debate. He urged a union of all factions against Germany. He declared war would immediately result if Germany sinks an armed American ship. He shouted: "Won't you stand up and fight like men? Don't lie down. Shall we sit supinely by and allow a foreign potentate's edict to destroy American commerce? Must we wait until slaughter actually comes?"

War Believed Imminent.  
Congress is scheduled to adjourn Sunday at noon. There will be no extra session until June unless international possibilities develop. Wilson notified the leaders he did not intend to call an extraordinary session unless the armed bill fails. Senator Lodge is leading the republican fight for an immediate extra session. The German admission clinched the republican determination. Republicans say war is evidently imminent and congress should remain.

Wilson has signed the four hundred and fifty million dollar revenue bill. He signed the postoffice appropriation bill carrying the bone dry prohibition provision. Chairman Webb of the house judiciary committee plans to ask a special rule covering immediate consideration of the senate espionage bill.

Judgments Are Entered.  
Judgments in favor of the Western Land & Irrigation Co. were given in three different foreclosure cases today. Judgment was given against Lulu and A. H. Sunderman et al for \$6432.52, against Martha A. Travers et al for \$1989.27 and against J. H. Strohm et al for \$480.20.

## NATION ACTS TO END FOOD CRISIS



Aroused to action by food riots and disorder in several eastern cities, particularly New York, congress and the governors of several states are taking steps today to end the food crisis. Governor Whitman, of New York has threatened to seize all available foodstuffs and appoint a food dictator. Senator Martin, of New Jersey, has introduced a bill in the

senate providing for an embargo on staple foodstuffs until the high cost of living is reduced. Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois has offered an amendment to the revenue bill authorizing seizure of foodstuffs "held in violation of public policy." George W. Perkins, chairman of the New York City mayor's committee on food and markets, didn't wait to talk

about the crisis, but went out and purchased 4,000,000 pounds of rice for distribution to the New York poor at cost, to take the place of the exorbitant high potatoes. District Attorney Swan of New York county, has instituted a grand jury investigation of the food situation with a view to criminal prosecutions if conspiracies to corner foodstuffs and boost prices are found.

## PUMPING WATER FROM FROZEN FRENCH TRENCHES



Russians on the French front have had weather like that they are used to at home. The trenches have been frozen several inches deep from water that seeped into them, and this photograph shows them pumping through the ice. The picture shows what war means during the winter in Europe.

## WOOL CAR ENLIGHTENS GROWERS AS TO BEST METHODS TO FOLLOW

Umatilla county wool growers are today having the benefit of the Demonstration Wool Car, which arrived here early this morning and is parked on the O-W. R. & N. sidetrack just off Main street. The car has been visited by many growers and this forenoon they attended the Pastime where a special wool picture was shown.

The car is being sent out by the Bureau of Animal Industry, the Oregon Agricultural College and the O-W. R. & N. Co. The attendees in charge are J. F. Wilson, assistant in wool investigation of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Mr. Oran M. Nelson, sheep specialist of the Oregon

Agricultural College, and D. E. Clark, the livestock agent of the O-W. R. & N. Co.

The object of the car is to teach the wool grower the value of a working knowledge of the market grades of wool and to demonstrate the benefits to be obtained through better methods of preparation of wool for the market.

Sank a Submarine.  
NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—Officers of the British steamer Knight Companion reported the sinking of a submarine in the eastern Atlantic.

## POSSIBILITY OF WAR WITH U. S. IS GIVEN AS JUSTIFICATION

AMERICA'S PREVIOUS ATTITUDE DECLARED TO HAVE COMPELLED STEP AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS ARE CITED AS VINDICATION; MOVE IS DEFINED AS PURELY DEFENSIVE MEASURE IN EVENT OF A WAR DECLARATION; INTERCEPTION OF INSTRUCTIONS SOURCE OF GREAT SURPRISE.

BERLIN, March 3.—(via London)—Germany has semi-officially admitted the instructions sent Eckhardt regarding the possibility of Mexico participating in hostilities against the United States. She expressed surprise that the American government had obtained the information concerning the instructions secretly sent to Germany's diplomatic agents. Officials said "there was apparently treachery committed on American territory."

POSSIBILITY OF WAR GIVEN AS EXCUSE.  
AMSTERDAM, March 3.—Berlin dispatches said Germany justified the Mexican plot because a war with the United States was possible. They said the United States government's previous attitude compelled the step and subsequent developments justified the course. The semi-official statement said: "After Germany's decision to wage unrestricted submarine warfare we reckoned the possibility of a United States conflict. The subsequent severance of relations proved our calculations were correct. It was our right and duty to take precautions. Accordingly the German minister to Mexico was instructed to offer Mexico an alliance and to arrange further details in event of the United States declaring war. The instructions especially enjoined the German minister to make no advances unless America intended to declare war."

ZIMMERMAN ATTEMPTS JUSTIFICATION.  
BERLIN, March 3.—(Sayville)—Foreign Secretary Zimmerman justified Germany's action in seeking to ally Mexico and Japan against the United States. He said such a course was merely a defensive measure and not to be carried out unless the United States declared war. He declared South American newspapers reported the United States attempted to unite the southern republics in a common action against Germany. He commented on the United States' pro-ally sympathies. He failed to specifically admit the authorship of the letter to Minister Eckhardt at Mexico. He carefully stated his entire discussion was based on "English reports of a German plot to get Mexico to declare war on the United States and secure Japan's aid."

## MEXICO DENIES RECEIVING ANY ALLIANCE PROPOSITION

NEW YORK, March 3.—Mexican Foreign Minister Aguilar wired: "The Mexican government has not received any alliance proposition from Germany."

## WHEAT ADVANCES FOUR CENTS MORE

CHICAGO, March 3.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Range of prices today:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	\$1.85 1/2	\$1.89 1/2	\$1.84 1/2	\$1.85 1/2
July	\$1.58 1/2	\$1.59 1/2	\$1.55 1/2	\$1.59 1/2

Portland.  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 3.—(Special)—Club \$1.63; bluestem \$1.59.

## XTRA

John Vert, well known capitalist, lost the decision in a one round fistic argument with Judge James A. Fee this afternoon about 1 o'clock in front of the Hartman Abstract office. The exact cause of the impromptu bout is not known but it is said that Vert undertook to twist the attorney about the outcome of the Hoch damage suit and that the latter responded with the report belligerent and followed up with a right swing and a left hook that put his opponent in a wobbly condition. Onlookers awarded the decision to the attorney on aggressive news, but Vert threatened to appeal to the courts. At press time no arrests had been made.

## MISS LUCIA CALLISON VOTED MOST POPULAR MODEL IN STYLE SHOW

Gets Total of 343 Votes; Miss Hazel Gillette Second With a Vote of 235; Mildred Guyll Third.

With a total of 343 votes Miss Lucia Callison was declared the most popular model in the Pendleton Community Style Show which came to a triumphant close last evening. As the winner in the contest Miss Callison will receive a complete spring outfit. She was entered in the model contest as the candidate of Bond Bros., which firm was also successful in capturing the cup for the window display.

As second in the contest was Miss Hazel Gillette with a vote of 235. She represented The Peoples Warehouse. The Hanson jewelry store will present her with a pair of gold hat pins. The two candidates of Sayres, Miss Mildred Guyll and Mrs. Gladys Slough, received votes which put them in third and fourth place respectively while Mrs. Wade Private, candidate of the Cohn Hat Shop, was in fifth place. The other six candidates were given generous votes, indicating that all met with favor from the large audiences. The style show proved a success in every particular and in every detail.

Director Allen last evening declared that the suits, dresses and other articles of men's and women's apparel exhibited here compared very favorably with the exhibits in metropolitan cities. Pendleton, he said, proved herself the liveliest little city he had ever been in.

As a result of the tremendous success of this style show, Pendleton merchants, through whose co-operation the show was possible, are contemplating holding a show every spring and fall to show off the new styles. Two packed houses witnessed the final exhibitions last evening and the applause which greeted the review of styles testified to the enthusiastic appreciation of the audiences. In a general way the show was a repetition of the first evening though a number of new gowns, suits and coats were shown. The models were more at home in the spotlight and exhibited their smart costumes with professional ease and grace.

In the afternoon a matinee showing of the style show was given by Miss Mable Vaughn, the professional model. A variety of daily garments from The Peoples Warehouse, Sayres and Alexander were exhibited. The attendance was limited to women.